

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended): A printing method comprising:

one or more steps in which print job data containing a plurality of objects is sent from one or more host apparatuses to one or more printers;

one or more steps in which printing of the plurality of objects is carried out at one or more printers based on the print job data sent from the host apparatus or apparatuses;

one or more steps in which the print job data is stored by the host apparatus or apparatuses;

one or more steps in which operations carried out by the printer or printers in connection with printing of the plurality of objects are monitored and job status information is created for each one of the objects;

one or more steps in which the created job status information is stored and retained by the host apparatus or apparatuses at least until printing of the print job data is completed;

one or more steps in which, in the event of occurrence of one or more printing errors during printing of the plurality of objects at the printer or printers, determination is made as to whether, after occurrence of the printing error or errors, the printer or printers has or have recovered from one or more printing error states to one or more states permitting printing; and

one or more steps in which, in the event that it is determined that the printer or printers has or have recovered to the state or states permitting printing, the print job status information and the print job data stored by the host apparatus or apparatuses are sent from the host apparatus

or apparatuses to the printer or printers which selects or select one or more objects is or are selected for which printing has not yet been completed from among the plurality of objects based on the stored print job data and the stored job status information sent from the host apparatus or apparatuses, and resumes or resume printing of the selected object or objects is resumed for which printing has not yet been completed.

3. (currently amended): TheA printing method according to claim 2, wherein, at the step or steps in which printing is resumed, in the event that it is determined that the printer or printers has or have recovered to the state or states permitting printing, printing of the selected object or objects is automatically resumed.

4. (currently amended): TheA printing method according to claim 2, wherein:
the job status information includes object identification information for specifying one or more objects subject to printing and information indicating one or more numbers of the object or objects subject to printing which has or have already been printed; and
~~at the step or steps in which printing is resumed, one or more objects for which printing has not yet been completed is or are selected based on the job status information and the print job data, and printing of the object or objects for which printing has not yet been completed is resumed.~~

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended): TheA printing method according to claim ~~[[5]]~~, 2 wherein the print job data and the job status information are stored on one or more rewritable recording media removably installed at the host apparatus or apparatuses.

7. (currently amended): TheA printing method according to claim ~~[[5]]~~2, wherein:

the print job data includes one or more image files, and one or more print specification files specifying one or more manners of printing the image file or files; and

at the step or steps in which the job status information is stored, the job status information is recorded in the print specification file or files.

8-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended): TheA printing method according to claim 4 wherein:

the print job data includes one or more image files, and one or more print specification files specifying one or more manners of printing the image file or files;

the print specification file or files contains or contain information specifying how many sets of prints are to be printed, and path information indicating where the image file or files are stored; and

the object identification information included in the job status information is made up of one or more portions of the path information for the image file or files which is or are associated with the object or objects subject to printing.

11-13. (canceled)